

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 28, 2005. Claims 1-14, 16-38, 40, and 43-47 are currently pending in the application. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b)

The Examiner rejected claim 6 as being anticipated by *Tibbitts* '440. In response, Applicants have amended claim 6.

As amended, claim 6 includes the limitation of a blade releasably connectable with the at least one profile, wherein the connection is releasable along at least two axis. *Tibbitts* does not disclose a blade releasably connectable with a profile, wherein the connection is releasable along at least two axis. In contrast, the cutting member (126) disclosed in *Tibbitts* is releasable along a single axis which is shown in Figure 9 as the T-shaped channel (120). *Tibbitts*, therefore fails to teach each and every limitation of claim 6 and this failure prevents *Tibbitts* from anticipating claim 6. For this reason, Applicants submit that claim 6 is in condition for allowance and respectfully request withdrawal of the § 102(b) rejection.

Additionally, claims 10, 14, and 17 depend from amended claim 6, and they are allowable for at least the same reasons as amended claim 6.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 1-5, 20-38, 40, and 43-47 are allowed. Applicants appreciate allowance of claims 1-5, 20-38, 40, and 43-47.

The Examiner objected to claims 7-9, 11-13, 16, and 18-19 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 7-9, 11-13, 16, and 18-19 depend from amended claim 6 and they are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 6.


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Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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